

2013-J4843

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Robert V. Pinto, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Robert V. Pinto, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by a resolution in 2014 and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 6, 1932, in Austerlitz, New York, to Caroline and James Pinto, Sr., Robert V. Pinto, Sr. attended Spencertown School, and Chatham High School; and

WHEREAS, Mary and Robert V. Pinto, Sr. were united in marriage on April 5, 1952, at St. James Church; together, they raised two sons, Robert J. and Steven; and

WHEREAS, In 1953, Robert V. Pinto, Sr. began serving his country as a member of the United States Army; after completing basic training, he attended Ordnance School and a track vehicle mechanic course in Tokyo

Ordnance Depot; and

WHEREAS, Robert V. Pinto, Sr. went on to attain the rank of Sergeant, and served with the 38th Infantry Regiment, as well as the Second (Indian Head) Division in Korea as a Tank Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Robert V. Pinto, Sr. was honorably discharged and awarded the following accolades for his exceptional service: Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and the National Defense Medal; and

WHEREAS, After his service, Robert V. Pinto, Sr. attended Welding School, and was employed by Bams Johnson Construction, and New York Central System as a District Lineman; after New York Central was sold to Penn Central, he worked as the District Lineman in charge of communications from Chatham, New York, to Springfield, Massachusetts; he was last employed by Chatham Motors, retiring in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Robert V. Pinto, Sr. was called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and always gave of himself unstintingly; he was a member of the Spencertown Rod and Gun Club and the Spencertown Fire Company, as well as an Umpire for the Little League Association; every New Year's Day, he and his wife would hold an open house for their community; and

WHEREAS, Robert V. Pinto, Sr. passed away on November 3, 1990, at the age of 58; he is survived by his two sons, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Today, 24 years after his death, the bravery and willingness of Robert V. Pinto, Sr. to fight for the lives of his fellow human beings, continues to inspire, and is deserving of the highest honor by all defenders of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Robert V. Pinto, Sr. devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Robert V. Pinto, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Robert V. Pinto, Sr.